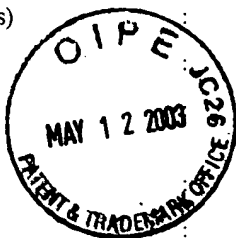


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) H. Kitano et al.  
Serial No. 09/910,288  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	10	Minus	20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0.00
Independent claims	7	Minus	3 =	* 4 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 336.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 336.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$336.00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☒ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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